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SUBJECT: PRIMIN IRMAK AND FONMIN ESENBEL DISCUSS AID CUTOFF

1. PRIMIN IRMAK AND FONMIN ESENBEL, IN SEPARATE MEETINGS
WITH REPORTERS FEBRUARY 3, GAVE STATEMENTS ON THE PROSPECTIVE
CUTOFF OF AMERICAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

2. PRIMIN IRMAK: "IDEAS FLUCTUATE, BUT WE DON'T KNOW
CONGRESS' DECISION. SUCH FLUCTUATIONS OCCURRED LAST TIME ALSO.
BUT WE EXPECT THAT COMMON SENSE WILL PREVAIL. I ALWAYS SAY
THAT AMERICAN AID IS NOT A CONCESSION TO TURKEY. IT IS A
REQUIREMENT OF OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENTS. JUST AS WE CARRY
OUT OUR OBLIGATIONS FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE, IT IS OUR RIGHT TO EX-
PECT AMERICA TO CARRY OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS. WE EXPECT THIS AS
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THE TURKISH NATION AND AS THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND WE STILL

MAINTAIN THE HOPE THAT THE DECISION WILL BE IN THIS DIRECTION."

3. FONMIN ESENBEL, IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY 4 MILLIYET, SAID: "IF AID IS GIVEN IN THE FORM OF SHORT TERM PROMISSORY NOTES BEARING SPECIFIC DATES, NO RESULTS CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THE CYPRUS TALKS...IN FACT, THE LIMITATION OF AID WITH CERTAIN TIME PERIODS BY CONGRESS HAS NOT AFFECTED THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CONSTRUCTIVELY BUT UNCONSTRUCTIVELY. MORE EXPLICITLY, PINNING THEIR HOPES TO CONGRESS' CUTTING OFF AID TO TURKEY, THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE HAS REJECTED THE MOST RECONCILIATORY PROPOSALS AND REFUSED TO COMPROMISE. IF THE CONGRESS DOES NOT GIVE UP ACTING LIKE THIS, IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT IT WILL HAVE A CONSTANTLY HAMPERING EFFECT ON THE TALKS IN CYPRUS."

4. ESENBEL, ANSWERING A QUESTION ABOUT WHAT THE US CONGRESS MEANT BY "CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS" ON CYPRUS, SAID "WE HAVE HAD NO TALKS WITH THE US CONGRESS. WE DID NOT DISCUSS THE INTERPRETATION OF THEIR DECISION, THE INTERPRETATION IS THEIRS. IT IS NOT OUR CONCERN. WE, LIKE THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, HAVE OPPOSED FROM THE BEGINNING THE LINKING OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITH THE QUESTION OF MILITARY AID. THE US GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATED TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT MILITARY AID IS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATO DEFENSE AND FOR THE SECURITY OF THE WESTERN WORLD, THAT IT IS NOT A FAVOR, AND THAT CONGRESS HAS TAKEN A WRONG STANCE. IT IS NOT TRUE THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY PUT INSISTENT PRESSURE ON TURKEY TO ACCEPT THINGS. ALL OUR ALLIES WANT PROGRESS AT THE TALKS, BUT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SUGGESTED HOW TO ACT."

5. ASKED WHAT ACTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN BY THE GOT AFTER THE SUSPENSION OF AID, ESENBEL DECLINED TO ANSWER, SAYING ONLY THE GOT WOULD TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES. MACOMBER

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